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IF ANY OF YOU LACK WISDOM LET HIM ASK OF GOD
THAT GIVETH TO MEN LIBERALLY AND UPBRAIDETH NOT
AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN HIM
JAMES 1:5
THIS IS MY BELOVED SON HEAR HIM

Joseph Smith's First Vision

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POETRY

CATO ON IMMORTALITY

It must be so!—Plato, thou reason'st well:
Else, whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing, after immortality?
Or, whence this secret dread, and inward horror,
Of falling into nought? Why shrinks the soul
Back on herself, and startles at destruction?
'Tis the Divinity that stirs within us;
'Tis Heaven itself that points out—an Hereafter
And intimates—Eternity to man.
Eternity! thou pleasing-dreadful thought!
Through what variety of untried being,
Through what new scenes and changes must we pass!
The wide, the unbounded prospect, lies before me:
But shadows, clouds, and darkness, rest upon it.
Here will I hold. If there's a power above us—
And that there is, all Nature cries aloud
Through all her works—He must delight in virtue,
And that which He delights in, must be happy:
But when? or where? This world was made for Ceasar.
I'm weary of conjectures—this must end them.
Thus am I doubly armed. My death and life,
My bane and antidote, are both before me,
This—in a moment, brings me to an end:
But this—informs me, I shall never die!

—Addison.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The courageous, strong, teachable men—they are the ones who go the whole distance.

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And now come, saith the Lord, by the Spirit unto the Elders of his Church, and let us reason together, that ye may understand;

Let us reason even as a man reasoneth one with another face to face.

—Doctrine and Covenants 50: 10, 11.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

THIS is a reproduction of a beautiful art window in the famous Salt Lake Temple, depicting the First Vision of Joseph Smith, founder of the Restored Church of Jesus Christ.

Truth Will Cement Broken World

FAILURE TO ASSUME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY BLAMED FOR HORRORS OF PRESENT WARFARE

Excerpts from the text of speech at General Conference, October, 1941.

By Elder John A. Widtsoe
Of the Council of the Twelve

John A. Widtsoe

I SUPPOSE none should be filled with wonder, or marvel, at the growth of the Church. After all, we have something precious to offer the world. Our traffic is in truth; and truth is the strongest cement for holding human organizations together. We offer the world truth; and truth so organized for human needs, and so brought within human understanding, that it becomes the answer to the deep questions which lie in every human heart, in every human soul. We answer these questions. We offer that for which humanity is hungering. I look forward to the time when this Church, because it is founded in truth, shall lead in all matters of righteousness throughout the world, until the very end, when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Lord.

Now, whenever I think about the progress of the Church, I think also about the devoted thousands who make our progress possible. It has come about because thousands and thousands of Latter-day Saints have devotedly performed their duties, done their work, lived the law as they understood it. Consequently the Church is growing, and, I believe, is acceptable to our heavenly Father, even though not all are doing the best they might do in behalf of the Lord's great cause.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHURCH MEMBERS

That leads me to a principle which I would like to lay before you—a very simple one, known to all; but sometimes the simplest things are the most important; and sometimes, too, the simplest things are those which are most easily forgotten. Membership in this Church involves personal responsibility. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ presents the doctrine of individual salvation. There is no mass salvation in the Kingdom of God. One by one we enter into the glory of the Lord. I make my covenants alone. I go into the waters of baptism. No one can do that for me if I live on earth. Faith, repentance, baptism, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and all the things that pertain to the Gospel, I must accept myself. I cannot place the burden upon anyone else. One of the simplest, as I have said, of all the principles of the Gospel, and one of the

most important, is that we accept personal responsibility for the work of God's kingdom.

This is, I think, illustrated, nowhere better, than in our Temple work. We have thousands of names on our records, but we must do the work for them name by name, and even then, after that has been done, each one of the dead, having this work done for him here, must, upon his own volition, accept the work done, before it becomes effective.

We should all try to culivate the feeling of personal responsibility for the work of these latter days. A church is but a collection of individuals. The church is no greater than the sum total of the activities of the individuals belonging to it; the nation is no greater. We should accept this personal responsibility. This is my Church, not my Branch President's Church, my Mission President's Church, President Grant's Church. In my field of activity, within my calling, I am just as responsible for the welfare of this Church as any one of the brethren who may preside over the different divisions of the Church. Only as we understand that principle and practice it, are we going to make, really, this splendid organization into one fully acceptable to our heavenly Father.

No person can accept full responsibility, personal responsibility, as he should, for the welfare of this work, unless he learns the great secret art of self-forgetfulness. We must learn to forget ourselves in a great cause, to submerge ourselves in that great cause. The soul of man never grows to its full stature if the individual stands up before us while we are thinking, What am I getting out of this thing? Only those who have learned to give themselves to a cause enable their souls to grow to full stature. That also is of important consideration for us here.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF CITIZENSHIP

I wonder if I dare to say that if we dig down into the motives of humanity we shall find that the horrors of this day, the war, and all the troubles that surround us at this time, both at home and abroad, are rooted in the failure of men to assume personal responsibility for the organization to which they belong. In democratic governments, at least—and all the European nations now at warfare have a democratic basis, though they have departed from it—if every man in those countries had sensed his personal responsibility for his nation, I doubt whether this warfare, these bloody horrors, would be upon the world as they are at the present time.

We are too prone, I think, to look for complex causes, for things far away, when in fact the issues strike home into our firesides, within the simplicity of life and action. Life is not very complex, after all, if we analyze it thoroughly and well.

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LOVE FOR THE LORD SHOWN IN KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS

Now let me just bring these thoughts together by saying

that to be personally responsible for the welfare of this Church we must do what President Grant has told us to do, to keep the commandments, to speak well of the Church, to find no fault, to look for the good, and to perform the duties assigned to us. In our little field of labour, whatever it may be, let us do our work as faithfully as President Grant does it in his field. Then altogether we shall be able to build a marvellous institution, one acceptable to our Father in heaven, the Kingdom of God on earth.

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NEPHI'S WORDS TO HIS BRETHREN

Nephi had his difficulties. His brothers did not support him, did not support their father Lehi, were in rebellion against the Lord. Then, one day their brother Nephi took them in hand and tried to remedy the situation, to convert them:

"And I said unto them: Have ye inquired of the Lord?

"And they said unto me: We have not, for the Lord maketh no such thing known unto us.

"Behold, I said unto them: How is it that ye do not keep the commandments of the Lord? How is it that ye will perish, because of the hardness of your hearts?

"Do ye not remember the things which the Lord hath said? If ye will not harden your hearts, and ask me in faith, believing that ye shall receive, with diligence in keeping my commandments, surely these things shall be made known unto you."

This is the simplest of all formulas to win the Lord's favour, handed down from ancient days—To reach out to the Lord, to trust Him, to keep His commandments. It we do this, all that we need shall be given us, and all shall be well with us, as individuals and as builders of the Lord's latter-day kingdom.

God bless us and make us faithful in these things, and help us to understand more fully the meaning of the Gospel.

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Sent to Elder Norman Dunn by Elder Karl F. Foster (former Supervising Elder of Birmingham District):

GOING TO CHURCH.

"Some people go to church to take a walk.
Some people go to church to laugh and talk.
Some go there to meet a friend.
Some go there their time to spend.
Some go there to meet a lover.
Some go there a fault to cover.
Some go there for revelation.
Some go there for speculation.
Some go there to doze and nod.
BUT THE WISE GO THERE TO WORSHIP GOD."

Minutes Of The First Conference Of The District Presidents Of The British Mission.

held in London at the British Mission Headquarters
January 17th and 18th, 1942

Reported in shorthand throughout and transcribed by
Sister E. M. Bettridge, Mission Secretary.

THIRTEEN District Presidents out of fourteen (the President of the Irish District being unable to come), attended the Conference, together with fourteen Counsellors.

THE FIRST SESSION commenced on Saturday, January 17th, at 4.0 p.m., with President A. K. Anastasiou and his two Counsellors in attendance. Elder George H. Bailey, First Counsellor in the Mission Presidency, conducted. Proceedings opened with Song No. 298, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet"; Invocation by President Norman Dunn, Birmingham District; and Hymn No. 286, "Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning."

Elder George H. Bailey welcomed all the District Presidents, and hoped that at the conclusion of the Conference all would be sustained, enthused and renewed with vigour and determination to carry on the work of the Lord in the British Mission. He outlined the programme briefly, saying that President Anastasiou would deal with all matters pertaining to the development of the work of the Lord in Great Britain. The brethren were asked to take notes, and to carry the matters discussed, and the conclusions reached therefrom, to their respective Districts. He felt confident that if the instructions, counsel and advice, and admonitions given, were accepted in humility, and put into effect, the Church would be lifted higher, and preparation made for still greater development. Brother Bailey believed with all his heart that here in Great Britain the day was imminent when we should have an influx of new members, and felt that this Conference was needed, and that from here the essential directions would be secured for preparing the Church in this country for that happy and eventful day.

President A. K. Anastasiou reviewed the year 1941, saying that the local Priesthood had been in charge of the British Mission for over two years, and that the Mission Presidency assumed responsibility on January 13th, 1940. The Annual statistics, as reported in the "Millennial Star," January 1st, 1942, were then presented and reviewed by the Mission President. Excerpts from his remarks were as follows:

Thirty full time Missionaries have been maintained in the Field during the year 1941. The contributions collected from the Branches and Districts and given to the Missionaries, and the money sent to them by their parents, and what they would have earned had they remained at their employment, made a total sum contributed by these faithful Missionaries of £7,776. These Missionaries have been the means of re-opening the

Branches, organising cottage meetings, distributing 48,000 tracts, pamphlets and other Church literature, and have visited 1,189 families, had 8,081 Gospel conversations, and contributed an average of seven hours per day each.

The President added the prophecy uttered by the late Apostle James E. Talmage, who said to Sister Violet Coleby (now a full time Missionary), "I can see the day when from Ipswich will come not five, nor fifty, but five hundred Saints." This Conference was convened ostensibly to prepare the Priesthood of the Mission in all organisations for the coming of that day.

THE PROJECTS FOR 1942.

Development of the Genealogical work in the British Mission.
Savings Scheme for our full time Missionaries.
Building up the number of the Branches of the Church in Great Britain to 100.
Publicity.
Annual District Conferences.
L.D.S. Pen Friendship League.
Priesthood.
Military Exemptions.
Full Time Missionaries.
Home Missionaries.
Inactive Members.
Lost and Unknown Members.
Centennial Relief Society Celebrations.
Many other projects were also on the Agenda of the Conference.

Elder James R. Cunningham, Second Counsellor in the Mission Presidency, discussed the Genealogical Work in the British Mission for 1942. He said that the main reason why this work should be done, is that we are quickly nearing the Millennial Reign. We cannot leave this land to go to rest in Zion until we have done our Genealogical work.

The Genealogical Board of the British Mission has been enlarged, and plans are being prepared whereby the Endowment work for all our members of the Mission, who have passed on, will be taken care of through the District and Branch Presidents. In 1941, 900 names were received for baptisms in the Temples, and we hope to increase the number to 5,000 during the current year. A scheme to organise a system whereby every Saint of the British Mission may be assisted with the survey and direction of how to begin this great Plan of Salvation for the Dead is under consideration.

FINANCIAL SCHEME FOR FULL TIME MISSIONARIES. President Anastasiou stated that it was his hope that many parents in this country would begin to think of sending their children on missions by making financial preparations for them now. Many parents in Zion put so much money into the Beneficial Life Insurance Co. for each child, thus laying the foundation of the great Missionary Work of the Church carried on by its faithful members.

President P. L. Cookman, Liverpool District, thought that

Insurance Companies' Endowment Policies would be a safer and surer way of achieving the object in view. President Anastasiou promised to write to the Beneficial Life Insurance Co., asking them for further details of this scheme.

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF BRANCHES TO 100. There are 71 Branches in the British Mission; another 29 Branches will meet the situation now prevailing in the British Mission. There are over 5,000 inactive members scattered in various parts of the country and in most cases far removed from the existing Branches. It has been ascertained that there are districts where formerly there were good Branches, but which are now closed. The nuclei of members still remain, and the District Presidents have been advised to find out where these families are situated, visit them, and gather all information possible, with the help of full time and Home Missionaries, perfect the Branch Records, and plan for the re-opening of new Branches. District Presidents were urged to check the Branch Records, i.e., tithing, membership, EE and other reports regularly each month, and maintain complete supervision over all the conditions of the Branches to ensure better attendance, more correct records, regularity in reports, maintenance of Branch meetings, services, etc.

PUBLICITY. The Mission Presidency feel that the time has arrived when the Church should make every effort to present to the public of this country the beautiful principles of our Gospel. We have today in the Mission Field two pairs of Missionaries, equipped with two radio gramophones and ample records and slide films, to present lectures in the schools, army and industrial canteens, institutions, clubs, social, political and cultural organisations, etc. District Presidencies have been advised to collect the data in their locality, and arrangements will be made whereby the Missionaries will be sent to present a series of lectures in each District. It has been thought to give each District a series of dates and a supply of circular letters, so that the bookings could be carried out in an orderly fashion. This has now been arranged. It was ascertained that all the Districts, with the exception of Leeds, Norwich and Wales, have electric lanterns and slide films. It was advised to use these to the utmost capacity, by the local Home and full time Missionaries, giving lectures wherever possible. Posters outside our Church buildings were discussed, and all the Presidents approved the idea. President Anastasiou said that a set of three posters may be sent out to each District periodically to maintain a Publicity Service on our Church boards. It was recommended that members with talent for signwriting should be sought in every Branch to help the Publicity Campaign.

The first session closed at 6.0 p.m. with the hymn "An Angel from on High," and Benediction by President F. W. Oates, Newcastle District.

CONFERENCE TEA. At 6.15 p.m., with the assistance of Sister Marie W. Anastasiou and the Missionaries residing at the Mission Home, a splendid tea was furnished to all the visitors.

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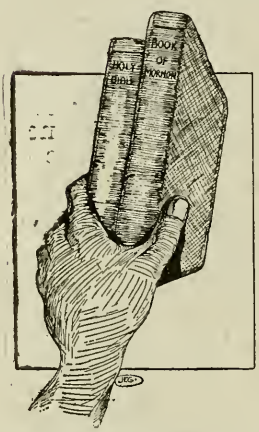
EDITORIAL

"Read The Directions"

THAT WHICH WE PERSIST IN DOING BECOMES EASY TO DO, NOT THAT THE NATURE OF THE THING HAS CHANGED, BUT THAT OUR POWER TO DO HAS INCREASED. —Heber J. Grant.



THERE are devices of all descriptions designed for the benefit of man, to assist him in the prosecution of his duties and work. They vary in size and power from massive machines, bigger by far than the humans who invented and constructed them, and who use them, down to small implements that the housewife finds of great help in her home.

Year after year the Patents' Office is inundated with the products of man's inventive mind. Often they are peculiar and fantastic, and frequently they have to be discarded because of their impracticability due to the expense entailed in production for the masses. With those that are placed before the public, one thing is essential—"Directions for use." The test of the ingenuity of the inventor lies in the simplicity of those directions, the ease with which they can be applied and the effectiveness of the gadget when used according to the information given.

We are often very lazy, unfortunately, and many a beneficial little instrument is bought, "half tried" once, and cast aside unused and wasted. Still, maybe, the patent sells and becomes a boon and a blessing in innumerable homes. That is because the majority of people who purchase the article have persevered after the first reading and application of the directions, consequently becoming proficient in the handling of the article, acquiring, with practice, the "knack" of using that which is designed for their benefit. The opinion of the minority is expressed in negative terms, and they say they would prefer to do it their own way, the way they have done it for years, and they state their objection to "new-fangled ideas." They have not remembered that all that the inventor has done is to bring into line the action usually performed by the human hand (perhaps with the aid of some clumsy weapon) and perfected it into a quickened mechanical operation, thus offering greater facility toward the accomplishment of the task.

On the other hand, a great many devices are introduced to the world which fail to gain universal approval and do not become popular. They are inexpensive, but the directions are inadequate or inaccurate and the result is inferior to that achieved by using the more habitual and commoner method. Even though a little persistence may overcome the inaccuracy of the directions stated, still the result does not warrant the trouble taken, and the operation becomes too complicated to be consistently used.

Thus it is with man and his living of life. Every day we come across people dissatisfied with life; they grumble and complain that they cannot see a "way out." They pitifully petition us to "look at the way things are going on," they bemoan their miserable lot, their conditions and circumstances, the "price of things," this and that, and the general uncertainties of man's existence. Why? What would help them? We ask them, and they reply, "Well, firstly, there is money . . . " and so on.

Life is what you make it. True, we are sometimes tried, but most of the **trying** is done by **us** through our flagrant defiance of the rules. Undoubtedly the Devil uses others, if they are willing, to irritate and annoy us, and play upon our weak spots and objectionable emotions are raised in our bosoms, but the effect is only in proportion to the reception given. We are far too expectant of a continuously smooth road ahead, and a bump or a ditch puts us "off our stroke." It is resistance that makes us strong, opposition never hurts anyone, and when the obstacles ahead are too large for our immediate circumvention we are far too apt to despair of ever getting over them. **We do not remember to "Read the Directions."**

We hold and are happy in the possession of a great and grand philosophy, which, if adhered to and applied to our living of life, will bring the maximum amount of contentment, no matter what the environment or circumstance. For instance, one of its directions is that we should pay out of our income a tenth, the result being that we shall find the nine-tenths left go as far as the whole would have done. The sceptic says: "Impossible." The "dissatisfied with life" says: "How could it?" Is it true? Those who have followed the directions know how true. Therein lies the key. The moaning mortals will not follow the directions, they will not even try them out. Those who have tried it, speak from experience.

G. K. Chesterton wrote this: "It is wrong to say that Christianity has been tried and has failed; it has never been tried." There is wisdom in that. Let us be prepared to rely on the Lord who is experienced in all things, who knoweth all things, and who has designed that we shall be happy and contented if we will do as He commands. Habits of a lifetime are difficult to break, and oftimes a new mode of living is a hard thing to adjust oneself to, but if we will look a little beyond the bare words and see the underlying meaning, or even if that meaning may be a little difficult to comprehend, let our faith in the Supreme Intelligence take us on, past the obstacles, and up to the greater, better view beyond.

J. P. H.

SECOND SESSION, on January 17th, commenced at 7.0 p.m., with President Andre K. Anastasiou presiding and Elder George H. Bailey conducting, by singing Hymn No. 94, "See the Mighty Angel Flying." Invocation was offered by President P. L. Cookman, Liverpool District. Hymn No. 90, "When First the Glorious Light of Truth," was then sung by all present.

HOW TO IMPROVE THE SPIRIT OF OUR MEETINGS. District Presidents and Councillors contributed valuable suggestions, and a discussion followed on this important phase of our Church work. It has been observed that most of our meetings suffer from lack of timely starting and orderly procedure due to haphazard preparation of services, lateness of officers and members, and from the general "talking" habit just before and immediately after the services.

Summing up the discussions, President Anastasiou suggested the following order of procedure, and felt it could be carried out quite successfully in most Branches. The main thing was that there should be a definite continuity in our services.

The Organist is a very important factor in the successful conducting of our services. He or she should be at the organ at least ten minutes before the meeting begins. Presiding authorities should be on the stand at least five minutes before the service is due to commence. Conducting officers should welcome the congregation in well chosen words, and announce that "the service would now begin," and encourage the Saints to give their minds and hearts to the spirit of worship. The organist should watch the conducting officer very closely. Immediately on the stroke of time at which the meeting usually begins, and after the opening words of welcome, the announcement of the first hymn and the invocation, the organist should play the introduction to the hymn, and it was stressed as most essential, to continue to play after the congregation had finished the singing, in a soft manner, until the person offering the invocation should set himself before the congregation. Immediately after the invocation, the organist should play the second hymn (sacrament or congregational), and endeavour to observe a continuity between the speakers and the music, so that there is no blank or vacant moment in the services. This procedure would help to enhance the spiritual beauty of our services and help the speakers very much.

The Sacrament should be administered in the regular approved order. District Presidents were encouraged to ask the Saints to maintain perfect silence and endeavour to give their minds and hearts to the silent worship and communion while partaking of the Sacred Emblems. The organist would here again play an important part in presenting a well chosen piece of music of a sacred nature, and not endeavour to play several hymns which, although sacred, distract attention from actual communion.

THE SPEAKERS. It was emphasised that all our brethren and sisters called upon to preach to the congregations in our meetings should give sermons instead of talks. A sermon should contain at least three Gospel quotations upon a given

subject. Too many of our members depend upon inspiration without preparation. Correct grammar, clear and distinct expression, and, above all, careful preparation, will go a long way towards making our meetings inspiring, instructive and uplifting.

Assignment forms for circuit assignments are available at the Mission Office for use in the Districts of the Mission. President Anastasiou said that District Presidents should never allow distances to deter them in any way from fulfilling their circuits, except under very difficult circumstances. President Andrew B. McGowan, of the Scottish District, said that if the brethren had faith and employed the principle of prayer, they would always be able to get to the Branches, however difficult.

MILITARY EXEMPTION. Our Elders, ordained to the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood, and doing their duties in the Branches and Districts of the Mission, are exempted from Military duties on the basis that they are Ministers of Religion, or Men in Holy Orders. Male members when called upon to render duty to King and Country should readily fulfil the call, unless they are exempted for reasons stated.

FULL TIME MISSIONARIES. Fifty-three full time Missionaries have been in the Field, so far, since the Mission responsibility has been undertaken by the local Priesthood. Thirty-one are in the Field now. It is the desire of the Mission Presidency to provide two Missionaries for each District continually. These Missionaries have accomplished very fine work in the Mission and have been the mainstay of the Branches, so far as tracting, visiting inactive Saints, and preaching is concerned. It was again emphasised that the full time Missionaries must stay in one Branch for at least four weeks, except in extenuating circumstances. District Presidents should meet with them at least once a fortnight and give them every assistance, guidance and encouragement. Lists of Inactive Saints should be ready in each Branch for the full time Missionaries to have access to immediately on their arrival.

THE "MILLENNIAL STAR," the Church Organ of the British Mission, is giving every help and guidance to the development of the Church. Every member should be its true supporter, and read the "Star" as a guide to spiritual and material salvation. Some of our full time Missionaries are selling as many as 50 copies of new "Stars" weekly—a record for the Missionaries in this country.

The session was closed with Song No. 2, "Praise Ye the Lord," and Benediction by President Richard C. Thomas, Welsh District.

THE THIRD SESSION of the Conference commenced at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, January 18th, President A. K. Anastasiou presiding and Elder James R. Cunningham, Second Counsellor in the Mission Presidency conducting. Opening Hymn No. 302 "Come all Ye Sons of God." Invocation was offered by President Andrew B. McGowan of the Scottish District. Sacrament Hymn No. 105 "Reverently and Meekly Now." Sacrament was

administered, under the direction of the Mission Presidency, by President George E. Gent of the Nottingham District, with President Eric Thorp of the Hull District, assisted by Elder William Taylor-Smith of the London District. The meeting was then devoted to testimony bearing. Many inspiring testimonies were borne by some of the brethren present. The time would not permit for all attending to bear their testimonies. The spirit was inspiring. Everyone felt and realised the divinity of this work, and the testimonies and evidences of manifestations experienced by many of the members were recounted.

Elder George H. Bailey, First Counsellor in the Mission Presidency and President of the Sheffield District, addressed the meeting on the Priesthood. His inspiring address embodied timely counsel and advice addressed to the Priesthood and the members of the Church in the British Mission.

President Anastasiou wished President Bailey, on behalf of all gathered, many happy returns of the day, for this day was his birthday.

HOME MISSIONARIES. President Anastasiou referred to the Home Missionaries. The number had risen to 420. District Presidents should meet each month with the Home Missionary Supervisors and train them, guide them, and encourage them to continue with the building up of the Branches of the Mission. Reports should be sent in weekly. The work of the Home Missionaries is to visit inactive Saints, and to reclaim the lost and the unknown. The District Presidents must direct their work, and let everyone do his or her part. A small supply of new tracts is being printed for distribution among the missionaries.

INACTIVE SAINTS. Home Missionaries are encouraged to be very businesslike in sending reports and giving names and addresses of those who are really inactive and need encouragement, to whom letters will be sent from the Mission Presidency to help them regain their faith, confidence and testimony of the Gospel.

LOST AND UNKNOWN MEMBERS. Altogether 300 members have been reported lost and unknown. However, every effort should be made to ensure that they be found through registers, local directories, with the aid of libraries, police stations, and any other means at our disposal. Every Branch President is the shepherd of his flock and he should know where they are and look after them continually, efficiently and very carefully.

L.D.S. PEN FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE. District Presidents should encourage all their members to marry within the Church. Sermons should be prepared occasionally on this subject. Activities should be organised for the young people, so that the youth of our Church may get to know each other.

MARRIAGE, TITHING, the Meeting Halls, Relief Society Centenary, Mission Genealogical Clearing House, and many other important and timely problems were closely discussed and analysed in the final session, which concluded at 12.0 noon.

It was a great occasion for all the brethren to meet each other for the first time and get acquainted. The spirit was wonderful, uplifting, and very encouraging.

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON was given at 12.15, under the direction of Sister Anastasiou and the Office Missionaries. This conference will long be remembered, for it was a unique occasion in the history of the British Mission. A similar function is planned to take place during August Bank Holiday.

Front row (left to right): Albert Woodruff, D.P. Manchester; Richard C. Thomas, D.P. Wales; George E. Gent, D.P. Nottingham; George H. Bailey, D.P. Sheffield, and First Couns. Mission Presidency; Andre K. Anastasiou, Acting Mission President; Marie W. Anastasiou, B.M. Relief Society President; James R. Cunningham, Second Couns. Mission Presidency; Wm. O. Chipping, D.P. London; Norman Dunn, D.P. Birmingham.

Second row (left to right): Andrew B. McGowan, D.P. Scotland; Alfred J. Willmott, Couns. London; A. A. Cole, Couns. Norwich; Alfred Woodhouse, Couns. Norwich; Parkin L. Cookman, D.P. Liverpool; Wm. C. McCormick, D.P. Bristol; Geo. W. Winfield, Couns. Nottingham; Fred. W. Oates, D.P. Newcastle; E. Thorp, D.P. Hull; Wm. St. John Yates; Couns. Birmingham; Stanley Short, Couns. Newcastle; George H. Hunter, Couns. Birmingham; Geo. H. Smith, Couns. Leeds; Edward Kershaw, Couns. Manchester; Frank Coleby, D.P. Norwich; Geo. F. Poole, Couns. London; Wm. Taylor-Smith, Clerk, London; Herbert Walker, D.P. Leeds; Elder Ralph S. Mount, M.O.; John Harrison, Couns. Leeds; Elder Wesley G. Bowen, M.O.

For The Young Folk

Speak the truth and speak it ever,
Cost it what it will,
He who hides the wrong he did,
Does the wrong thing still.

"IT IS BETTER TO BE POOR, WITH A GOOD HEART, THAN RICH, WITH A BAD CONSCIENCE."

AFTER Isaac died, Jacob, or Israel as we will now call him, continued to live in the land of Canaan with his family. He was very, very sad after Rachel died, and it was only natural that he should love her son Joseph more than all his other sons, so much so that he made him a special coat of many colours. Joseph's brothers envied him, and whilst they were minding their sheep they often talked about themselves and the different kinds of lives they led. When Joseph told his father of the wickednes of his brothers, they hated him more than ever.

One night Joseph dreamt that they were all binding sheaves of corn. His sheaf was in the middle, and all the sheaves of his brothers were arranged around it. Bye and bye all eleven sheaves bowed themselves down to Joseph's sheaf. He also dreamt that the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed themselves down to him. When his family were told of the two dreams, they were very angry, and thought that Joseph was trying to set hiself above them all.

Joseph was sent, one day, to find his brothers and see if they were well. He couldn't find them, and lost himself whilst searching, but at last he found a man who said that they could be found in a place called Dothan. When the brothers saw him coming they plotted to kill him, and would have done so, but Reuben, the eldest brother, persuaded them to hide him in a deep pit instead. Reuben planned that after nightfall he would come back secretly and rescue Joseph. The boy has just been stripped of his beautiful coat and thrown into the pit, when a party of merchantment were seen coming along, so the brothers sold him as a slave to the merchants for twenty pieces of silver. They they killed a kid, dipped Joseph's coat in its blood, took the coat to their father and said they had found it in the fields. Of course, Israel recognised it for Joseph's coat, and mourned his son, thinking he had been eaten up by wild animals.

At nightfall, when Reuben returned to get Joseph out of the pit, he was very alarmed to find that he had gone. In the meantime, the merchants, who had bought the lad as a slave, took him to Egypt, and there they sold him to a man called Potiphar, who was an officer of Pharaoh, and a captain of the guard.

If you continue to read these stories, you will learn how this one selfish act on the part of Joseph's brothers changed the history of an entire nation.

E. M. B.

District Activities

HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

Leeds

Leeds District held their Home Missionary Convention on Saturday and Sunday, January 3rd and 4th, 1942, at the Bradford Branch Chapel. A special Priesthood session was held Saturday afternoon, at 4 p.m., at which Acting President A. K. Anastasiou presided, and discussed with those present Priesthood and District administration problems. A grand concert and social was presented on Saturday evening, features of which were plays acted by the Batley and Clayton Branch Relief Society Sisters, and splendid impersonations by Mr. King, Shakespearian elocutionist. Sixty people attended.

The theme chosen for the Convention was "The Missionaries of Christ," and this was introduced at the first session held Sunday morning at 11.30 a.m. District President Herbert Walker made welcoming remarks, and was followed by the District Home Missionary Choir rendering "Father in Heaven We Do Believe." Sister Gladys Goldthorpe of the Clayton Branch was the first speaker, her subject being "John the Baptist." Elder John W. Bradbury, Bradford Branch, spoke of "Apostles of Christ," followed by Elder Tom Elkington, Bradford Branch, whose subject was "The Reformation." Brother George Fearnley then rendered a violin solo. After the congregation had sung "Sweet Hour of Prayer," Sister M. W. Anastasiou spoke of the work being done by Home Missionaries throughout the Mission, relating some experiences that had come to her notice. The final speaker at this session was Elder George H. Bailey, who rendered a most inspirational address on the "Gospel in Great Britain." Fifty-five people attended this session.

A short meeting followed this session, at which Home Missionaries received special instruction from President Anastasiou.

The second session commenced at 2.30 p.m. Proceedings were opened by the choir rendering "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning," Brother John C. Harrison of the District Presidency conducted. The first speaker was Elder Fred Laycock of Batley, who spoke on "The Restoration." Brother Fred Laycock of Leeds rendered a vocal solo entitled "My Prayer." Sister Marjorie Gregory continued with a talk on "Missionaries come to England," and was followed by a talk on "The Church of Christ's Missionary System," given by President Herbert Walker. The following Brethren and Sisters were then called upon to speak, representing returned part time and full time Missionaries: Elders George Pitts and William Taylor Smith, Sisters Delia Bedford and Lucy Ripley. The District Home Missionary Choir then rendered "An Angel from on High." The concluding speaker was President A. K. Anastasiou, who reviewed the accomplishments of the British Mission for the period of twelve months past, saying that much was due to the faithful service of the Missionaries and Priesthood and members.

The spirit of the Convention was most inspiring throughout, and five Home and one full time Missionaries were set apart. Two returned full time Missionaries were able to renew their missionary activities for a further six months, for, in spite of the fact that the District Missionary fund was not sufficiently strong to support them wholly, a promise made by the President that they should go was fulfilled when, during his address, a brother in the congregation sent a note to the stand offering a substantial weekly donation for this purpose. Everyone who attended felt uplifted and encouraged. 101 people were in attendance at this session.

London

Two themes were chosen for presentation at the **Home Missionary Convention held in London** on January 11th, 1942. In the morning, "Calling people to Repentance in

these days" was presented, while "Redemption of Israel" was chosen for the afternoon. Services were held in the Chapel of the South London Branch, and Acting President A. K. Anastasiou presided, while Branch President W. Mead conducted. Following the preliminary exercises of the first session, District President W. O. Chipping made remarks of welcome, and rendered a report of Home Missionary work in the District. Elder Joseph Willmott followed, speaking on the subject "There shall be a Famine in the Land, not of Bread but of the Word of the Lord." Sister Hilda Woodford followed, her subject being "The Whole World Liveth in Sin, and Groaneth under its Bondage," Sister Alice Tarr rendered a vocal solo, "Sweet is the Work." The next speaker was Sister Hetty Martin of Southampton, who took for her text "And if it so be that you should labour all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father." Elder James R. Cunningham of the Mission Presidency spoke next on "The Signs of the Times and the need of Repentance." A pianoforte solo was rendered by Sister Florence Vincent. and Sister Louise Lawman spoke of "The little stone which shall roll forth and fill the whole earth." Fifty people attended.

Home Missionaries gathered for a short period following this session to receive instruction and advice from President Anastasiou.

The afternoon session convened at 2.30 p.m. Preliminary to the speakers, two short pieces by Rossini were rendered on the organ by Sister Hilda Woodford. Elder Scott Wright spoke on "The plan of Salvation laid in Heaven." Sister Ruth Munton was the second speaker, taking for her subject the third Article of Faith. Sister M. Emery gave an address on the "Necessity of Works to gain Redemption," followed by Elder William E. Mitchell, "The Day of Redemption is near at Hand." Sister Alice Bickerstaff rendered a vocal solo. "Celestial Glory our Ultimate Goal" was the subject of an address by Sister Eva Harris. Sister Marie W. Anastasiou spoke on "The Training of Children and Parental Care," and finally President A. K. Anastasiou addressed the congregation, encouraging all to do their utmost to build up the work of the Gospel in the British Mission. Total attendance 80.

For the benefit of Saints in the outlying Branches of the Northern Section of the London District, a Home Missionary Convention was held in the St. Albans Branch Hall on Sunday, 25th January, 1942. The themes discussed were the same as in London, and the proceedings followed the same order. Speakers were President William H. Gadd of the Luton Branch, Sister Edith Osborn, and Brother John Smith during the morning session, and other items were a poem by Sister Winifred Osborn and a vocal quartette by Brothers Harry Chipping, George Goundry, Ernest G. Osborn, and John Smith.

Addresses at the afternoon session were given by Sister Elsie Smith, Brother George Goundry, Lady Missionary Sister Edna Gardner, Brother Ernest G. Osborn, Lady Missionary Sister Nancy Wild, Elder William Taylor Smith, District Clerk, and Elder James R. Cunningham of the Mission Presidency. A quartette, composed of Sisters Polly Osborne, Nancy Wild, Elsie Smith, and Winifred Bullock, rendered a selection during this session.

Twenty people attended the first session and thirty-two the second.

Birmingham

On Saturday, January 24th, 1942, the Handsworth Branch Relief Society sponsored a tea and social under the direction of President Annie L. Rees. Some forty children and adults were in attendance. An excellent tea was provided by the Sisters, and Lady Missionaries Phylis Clayton and Doreen Moorhead conducted the games.

Norwich

Norwich Branch held their annual Sunday School Party on December 30th, 1941. Prizes were distributed to the scholars. There were several friends present among the 40 people that attended. Brother Bert Martins was in charge.

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

Aberdeen:
Corn Exchange,
5, Hadden Street.

Accrington:
L. D. S. Hall,
Over 9, Church St.

Airdrie:
L. D. S. Hall,
40, Hallcraig Street

Aldershot:
19, Edward Street.

Barnsley:
Arcade Buildings.

Batley:
L. D. S. Hall,
Well Lane.

Belfast:
122, North Street

Birmingham:
L. D. S. Chapel.
23, Booth Street.

Bradford:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
off City Road.

Brighton:
77, Grand Parade
(first door).

Bristol:
L. D. S. Hall,
Zion Road,
off Clarence Road.
20, Northfield Ave.
Hanham

Burnley:
L. D. S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road.
Rosegrove.

Bury:
L. D. S. Chapel,
15, Broad Street

Clayton:
L.D.S. Hall,
Gordon Street.

Derby:
Unity Hall

Doncaster:
L. D. S. Hall,
Trafford Street.

Dublin:
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Merrion Row.

Eastwood:
Library, Church St

Edinburgh.
Ruskin House.
15, Windsor Street

Gainsborough:
L. D. S. Hall,
4b, Silver Street

Gateshead:
Westfield Hall,
Westfield Terrace.

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South Side,
30, Abbotsford Pl..C.5

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1, Peacock Street

Grimsby:
Thrift Hall,
Pasture Street

Guisborough:
L. D. S. Hall,
back of 13, Church St.

Halifax:
13, Byron Street.
Hansen Lane.

Handsworth:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Corner of Booth St.
and Sycamore Rd.

Hucknall:
Byron Buildings.

Hull:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Wellington Lane. and
Berkeley Street.

Hyde:
L. D. S. Hall,
29, Beeley Street.

Kidderminster:
L. D. S. Chapel
Park Street.

Kingstanding:
(Home Sunday Sch.)
1, Orpington Rd..

Leeds:
L. D. S. Hall,
5. King Charles St

Leicester:
All Saints' Open,
Great Central Street.

Letchworth:
Vasanta Hall,
Gernon Walk

Liverpool:
L. D. S. Chapel,
301, Edge Lane

London:
L. D. S. Chapel,
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.
Ravenslea Chapel,
149, Nightingale Lane,
S.W.12.
57, King Alfred's Ave.,
Catford.
58. Wellesley Road.
Gunnersbury. W.4.

Loughborough:
Adult School.

Lowestoft:
L. D. S. Hall,
20, Clapham Road

Luton:
Dallow Road Hall,
Corner of Dallow and
Naseby Roads.

Mansfield:
39a, Albert Street.

Manchester:
L. D. S. Hall,
88. Clarendon Road.
C. on M.

Merthyr Tydfil:
L. D. S. Chapel
Penyard Road

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L. D. S. Hall,
21. Bottomly Street.
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L. D. S. Hall,
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Northampton:
L. D. S. Chapel,
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L. D. S. Hall,
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L. D. S. Hall,
100, Main Street.

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